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SUBJECT: THE UDALL-DECONCINI BILL AND THE CANAL TREATY VOTE: WHAT'S OUR LINE?

ON MARCH 24 THE BOLIVIAN PRESS GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO A WOLA REQUEST TO THE USG TO HOLD OFF US TIN SALES TO PRESERVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS IN BOLIVIA. THIS IS UNFORTUNATE IN ITSELF SINCE THIS PITCH BY A US GROUP PUTS THE TIN ISSUE IN JUST THE POLITICAL CONTEXT FROM WHICH WE ARE STRUGGLING TO EXTRICATE IT HERE IN BOLIVIA. EQUALLY UNFORTUNATELY, THE REPORTS OF THE WOLA PITCH HIGHLIGHT ITS ASSERTION THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE UDALL-DECONCINI BILL WAS PART OF THE EFFORT TO GET SENATOR DECONCINI'S CRITICAL VOTE FOR THE NEUTRALITY TREATY. I NEED GUIDANCE ON WHAT I SAY TO BANZER AND HIS MEN WHEN THEY QUESTION ME ON THIS POINT. PLEASE ADVISE.

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